

February 5, 2003
P.O. Box 19308
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Boundary Commission
550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1770
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Dear Boundary Commission,

I am responding to your information contained in the Application of Borough Incorporation Standards which considered the City of Thorne Bay becoming part of a borough.

It appears your facts are not up to date. A lot has changed since they were last gathered. For example, Thorne Bay is not a log transfer site anymore. Logging is no longer the major employment here. Recently the fishing industry has declined sharply. It is difficult to find a buyer to sell the fish to anymore. Until things change for the better, (buyers, fish prices, fuel cost) the fishing industry will remain undependable.

Right now the major employers in Thorne Bay are the U. S.F.S & the school. The majority of the government & school employees are not property owners & would not be affected by property taxes. But it would be highly detrimental to a lot of the property owners here who do not have a steady assured income to live under a borough with taxes!

Please consider updating the facts presented before making a recommendation on this & seriously consider the hardship this would work on the full-time residents living here.

Please consider including Prince of Wales Island on the list of areas of unorganized borough which were excluded from consideration at this time

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Maria Brady